



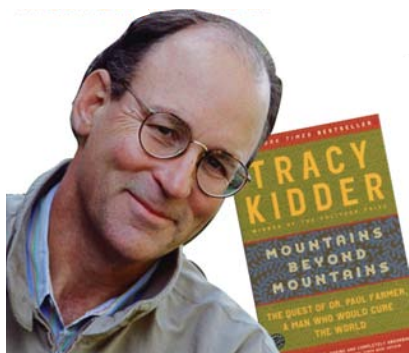
The *Library Connection* online newsletter provides the public with information about upcoming events, major programs and other news of the City of San Diego Public Library. Anyone can sign up for this free monthly email announcement by visiting the Library on the City's website at [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org) and clicking on "News & Events."

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## Tracy Kidder to Speak at Central Library

The San Diego Public Library will host best-selling author Tracy Kidder for a free public lecture and book signing March 11. The presentation is in partnership with KPBS, San Diego State University's Common Experience and the *One Book*,



*One San Diego* reading campaign.

Tracy Kidder is the author of *Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, A Man*

*Who Would Cure The World* after a chance encounter with Paul Farmer, who works in Haiti, Peru, and Russia to secure healthcare for the poor. In this powerful and inspiring book, Kidder tells the true story of how one person can make a difference. Books will be available for purchase with proceeds supporting the library.

**Tuesday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m.**

Central Library, Third Floor Auditorium  
820 E Street, Downtown, (619) 235-0573

Special parking for event:

*Lot adjacent to the Library at the southeast corner of Broadway & Eighth Avenue (courtesy of 5-Star Parking).*

## One Book Calls San Diegans Together

The *One Book, One San Diego* reading initiative of the San Diego Public Library and KPBS has a series of events scheduled for March to discuss and explore the *One Book* reading selection, *Three Cups of Tea*. The book explores one

### ***Understanding Islam & Contemporary Muslim Societies***

Presenter, Ghada Osman, Ph.D. Associate Professor, Department of Linguistics and Oriental Languages at San Diego State University. At SDSU, Ghada Osman teaches all levels of Arabic, as well as non-language courses such as Arabic Culture and History of the Islamic World.

**Sunday, March 2 at 2 p.m.**

Central Library, 2nd Floor Meeting Room  
820 E Street, Downtown, (619) 236-5800

man's effort to build peace by building schools. The *One Book* program invites San Diegans to read the same book so they can engage in dialogue and develop tolerance and understanding about differing points of view.

Book Discussions -----

### ***Book Discussion led by KPBS' Kathi Diamant***

**Saturday, March 1 at 3 p.m.**

Kensington-Normal Heights Branch  
4121 Adams Avenue, (619) 533-3974

### ***Book Club Meeting***

**Wednesday, March 12 at 11 a.m.**

Balboa Branch Library, 4255 Mt. Abernathy Ave.,  
(858) 573-1390

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One Book Events-----

**Book Discussion sponsored by the Friends of the La Jolla Branch Library**

**Wednesday, March 19 from 6 to 7 p.m.**

La Jolla/Riford Branch Library,  
7555 Draper Avenue, (858) 552-1657

**Book Discussion facilitated by San Diego Public Librarian Sandy Steele**

**Thursday, March 20 at 7 p.m.**

Starbucks, 511 F Street, (619) 235-0573

**Friends of the Scripps Miramar Ranch Branch Library Book Discussion Group**

**Wednesday, March 26, from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.**

Scripps Miramar Ranch Library,  
10301 Scripps Lake Drive, (858) 538-8158

Films-----

**Library Night at the San Diego Latino Film Festival- Featuring One Book, One San Diego and Digital Storytelling**

Films to be shown include *Intimidad*, *El Camino de San Diego*, *El Concurasante* and *Parpados Azules* (Blue Eyelids)

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Show your San Diego Public Library card and receive a \$2 discount on any general admission ticket from 6 p.m.-10:30 p.m.

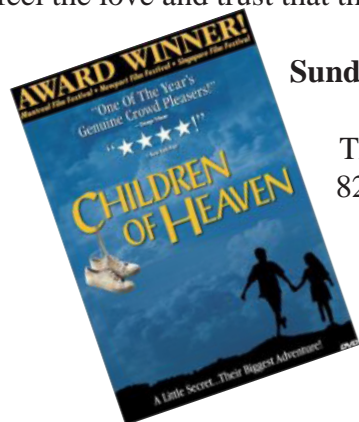
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**Tuesday, March 11 from 6 to 11 p.m.**

Ultrastar Cinemas Mission Valley at Hazard Center,  
7510 Hazard Center Drive, (619) 230-1938

**Children of Heaven**

This film by Iranian filmmaker Majid Majidi takes us into the world of a little boy and his sister, letting us feel the love and trust that they have in each other.



**Sunday, March 30 at 2 p.m.**

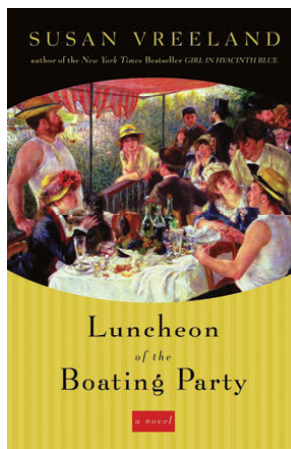
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Featured Presenter-----

**Susan Vreeland:**

***Luncheon of the Boating Party***

With her richly textured novels, Susan Vreeland has offered pioneering portraits of the artist's life. Now, as she did in *Girl in Hyacinth Blue*, Vreeland once again focuses on a single painting—Auguste Renoir's instantly recognizable masterpiece, which depicts a gathering of Renoir's real friends enjoying a summer Sunday on a café terrace along the Seine. Narrated by Renoir and seven of the models, the novel illuminates the gusto, hedonism, and art of the era.



With a gorgeous palette of vibrant, captivating characters, Vreeland paints their lives, loves, losses, and triumphs so vividly that “the painting literally comes alive” (The Boston Globe). Susan Vreeland, internationally renowned best-selling author and three-time winner of the Theodor Geisel Award (the San Diego Book Awards Association's highest honor), is known for historical fiction on art-related themes. She is the author of *Girl in Hyacinth Blue*, *The Passion of Artemisia*, *The Forest Lover*, and a collection of stories, *Life Studies*. She also is the recent recipient of the San Diego Public Library 2008 Local Author Lifetime Achievement Award.

**Saturday, March 29 at 2 p.m.**

La Jolla/Riford Branch Library  
7555 Draper Avenue, (858) 552-1657

**FREE Bus/Trolley for Kids  
Saturdays and Sundays  
(in the City of San Diego only)**

Two children between the ages of 6 and 12, who are accompanied by an adult using the transit system, can ride free on Saturdays and Sundays -- a savings of \$1.75 to \$2.50 each way. Stops closest to the Central Library:  
Trolley - 5th & C Street 2008 Bus - 8th & Broadway



## Films-----

### **Cine Clasico Mexicano: Ustedes Los Ricos (1948) Con Pedro Infante**

*Ustedes Los Ricos* stars Pedro Infante as Pepe, a man who makes an enemy of a wealthy man after a traffic accident. As the powerful man systematically sets out to harass Pepe, only a long-buried secret will stop Pepe from losing everything.



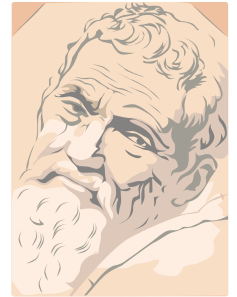
**Wednesday, March 12 at 6 p.m.**

Mountain View/Beckwourth Branch Library  
721 San Pasqual Street, (619) 527-3404

## Education and Seminars----- Continued

### **Michelangelo: The Poet**

Eugene Marseglia, PhD, Johns Hopkins University and Fulbright Scholar will lead this seminar on Michelangelo and his poetry. The fact that Michelangelo was one of those towering artistic geniuses is a generally well-recognized. He was a supreme and innovative sculptor, painter and architect. The surprise comes when we discover that he was also an accomplished, prolific and powerful poet. In his verse, Michelangelo communicates intimacy, subjectivity and introspection, which offer a powerful insight into this great artist.



**Tuesday, March 4 at 1 to 3 p.m.**

Rancho Peñasquitos Library  
13330 Salmon River Road, (858) 538-8159

### **Designing with Succulents**



Debra Lee Baldwin, local resident and award-winning writer author of *Designing with Succulents*, will share ideas from her book and raffle off some plants of her own. She is a renowned expert on succulents and drought-resistant landscape design. Her latest book has become a gardening phenomenon and remains on the bestseller list.

**Saturday, March 8, 1 p.m.**

North Clairemont Branch Library  
4616 Clairemont Dr, (858) 581-9931

## Free Films at Libraries



The Library presents a variety of free films, many of which are independent or foreign films not widely distributed. Others are classic and family-friendly movies. For more information about films being shown, visit the Calendar of Events section on the Library's website at [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org).

## Education and Seminars-----

### OASIS Classes for Those 50+

### **The Art of Johannes Vermeer**

Jan Vermeer, a Dutch painter who specialized in domestic interior scenes of ordinary bourgeois life, is particularly renowned for his masterly treatment and use of light in his work. He produced relatively few paintings and left his wife and eleven children in debt at his death. Only 35 paintings are firmly attributed to him today. You will be able to see the artist's entire production of work.



**Wednesday, March 5, 1 – 2:30 p.m.**

Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library  
4275 Cass St, (858) 581-9934

*Registration required—please call in advance*

### **Free Parking For Central Library Patrons**

#### **When:**

Saturdays - 9:30AM - 5:30PM

Sundays - 1 PM - 5 PM

#### **Where:**

**5 Star Parking** lot, adjacent to the Library at the southeast corner of Broadway & Eighth Avenue. Enter the lot from Eighth Avenue. The Library thanks **5 Star Parking** for making this free parking available.

Additionally, parking meters are not enforced on Sundays and after 6 PM on weekdays and Saturdays.

## Education and Seminars-----

### Feng Shui the Focus of Two Branch Events

Feng Shui is the ancient Chinese art of placement. Environmental psychologists have confirmed what Feng Shui experts have known for thousands of years—the many benefits of nature on our mental, emotional, physical and spiritual well-being. Two March library events take a closer look at Feng Shui.

#### Gardening: Inside and Out

presented by Kathryn Holt (for adults)



This insightful lecture will offer ideas on how you can mindfully incorporate Feng Shui into your garden, as well as how to connect your garden to the rest of your home, creating a sense of harmony and balance from the inside in.

**Thursday, March 13, 1 to 2:30 p.m.**

Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library  
4275 Cass St, (858) 581-9934

Registration required—please call in advance.

#### Welcome Spring with Good Feng Shui

Presented by Robin Mayfield

Learn ways to bring new vitality, health and prosperity to your using Feng Shui. Robin Mayfield will



share Feng Shui principles that will inspire you to make positive changes in your own homes. Mayfield is a graduate of the Western School of Feng Shui. The seminar is FREE and open to the public.

**Thursday, March 27, 1 to 2:30 p.m.**

Rancho Penasquitos Library  
13330 Salmon River Road, (858) 538-8159  
Registration encouraged—please call in advance.

## Education and Seminars-----

### Tibetan Medicine

Dr. Dhondup and Sondra Buschmann return to the La Jolla Library with an update on their popular seminar.

The heart of the Tibetan Healing Center, Dr. Lobsang Dhondup and its Founder, Sondra Buschmann, will be presenting an overview on the benefits of Tibetan Medicine in the treatment of multiple sclerosis, cancer, hypertension, migraines, infertility, high blood pressure, to name just a few. Tibetan medicine embraces a holistic approach to health care, incorporating science, art and philosophy in the treatment of illnesses while employing key Buddhist principles: altruism, karma and ethics.



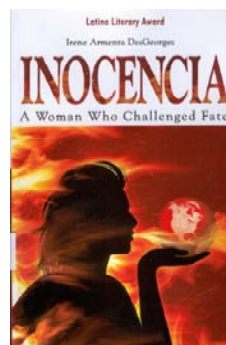
*Dr. Lobsang Dhondup and Sondra Buschman.*

**Wednesday, March 12 at 6 p.m.**

La Jolla/Riford Branch Library  
7555 Draper Avenue, (858) 552-1657

## Author Events -----

### Meet Latino Literary Award Winner for Best Spanish Fiction



*Inocencia: A Woman Who Challenged Fate* describes a story of forbidden love and the complex drama that unfolds between families from different socio-political extremes in México.

Author Irene Armenta DesGeorges was born in Sonora, México and studied at the University of California at San Diego. She will discuss her award-winning book, which she recently translated into English herself to ensure an accurate translation. Books will be available for purchase (cash or check only).

**Wednesday, March 19, 6:30 p.m.**

Rancho Penasquitos Branch Library  
13330 Salmon River Road, (858) 538-8159

## Art Exhibits -----

### Noted San Diego Artist Robin Bright Featured

Nearly forty sculptures and drawings from Robin Bright, one of San Diego's most respected artists, will be on display in the gallery of the Taylor/Pacific Beach Branch Library through Sunday, March 23.



All of the works are from Bright's "Hector Vex" series, the body of work that, over the years has become most closely identified with the artist. With a few exceptions, the pieces in this exhibition were recently created and have never been shown. Bright began his minimalist-oriented "Hector Vex" series in New York in the late 1960s, a few years before he moved to San

Diego. Since then, he has produced nearly 500 related works. Most often they have incorporated delicate, rod-like steel and bronze elements cast or welded into elegant, technically impeccable, geometric configurations. On occasion, free-flowing passages of metal add more spontaneous elements. The current library exhibition is classic Bright, unquestionably contemporary but also convincingly evoking the ravages of time and the elements on man-made objects.

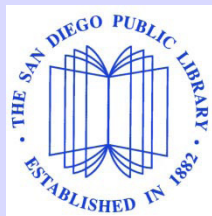
#### Month of March During Open Hours

Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library  
4275 Cass St, (858) 581-9934  
*(Please call to check for availability)*

#### Even More Great Events and Programs!

For the very latest information about Library events, exhibits, activities and other programs, visit your local library or check out the Library on the City's website at:

<http://www.sandiegolibrary.org>



#### Libraries Closed for Caesar Chavez Day

All City libraries will be closed on **Monday, March 31**, in observation of Caesar Chavez Day. Book drops at all libraries will remain open to return books and other materials. As a convenience for patrons, book drops at all libraries will remain open to return books and other materials.

## Music Programs -----

### Pianist James Gary to Perform in Free Concert

Pianist James Gary will present a program devoted to gems of the piano repertoire by Polish composer Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849) and the French composer Claude Debussy (1862-1918). Chopin's music embodies the most expressive traits of 19th-century Romantic piano composition and virtuosic piano technique, while the impressionist music of Debussy, a seminal figure in Europe at the turn of the 20th century, influenced generations of composers with its harmonic innovations, unusual pedal effects, and layers of refined sound.



James Gary studied piano with the legendary Ilana Mysior. In 1985 he was selected to be staff pianist of the San Diego Youth Symphony, and later toured with the orchestra as piano soloist in England and Scotland.

**March 2 at 2:30 p.m.**

Central Library, Third Floor Auditorium  
820 E Street, Downtown, (619) 236-5810

### Cellist Charles Curtis to Perform Bach

Cellist Charles Curtis will present a program to include music from Johann Sebastian Bach Sunday, March 16 at 2:30 p.m. He will perform Bach's Suite in E-flat major, probably the most technically demanding of the six suites that the composer wrote for the solo cello around 1720. The performance also includes pieces from Alfredo Piatti, Tobias Hume, Sylvestro Ganassi and Hugo Becker. Charles Curtis has been a professor in the Music Department of the University of California, San Diego since 2000. Previously he was principal cello of the Symphony Orchestra of the North German Radio in Hamburg, a faculty member at Princeton, the cellist of the Ridge String Quartet, and a sought-after chamber musician and soloist.



**Sunday, March 16 at 2:30 p.m.**

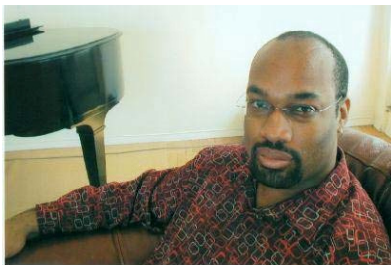
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## Music Programs -----

### Jazz with James Gordon Williams

A pianist and composer who plays classical and jazz, James Gordon Williams brings his distinctive sound to the La Jolla Library. A native of Los Angeles, and a current Ph.D. candidate at UCSD, Mr. Williams spent a number of years honing his sound at some of the most famous jazz venues in New York City and around the world.



He has toured Malta, France, Sardinia and Italy with Greg Osby and been a member of drummer Charli Persip's "Supersound" for several years, appearing around the country at notable jazz festivals. Mr. Williams brings what the reviewers call his unforgettable sound from his acclaimed CD "Unrepeatable Life."

**Saturday, March 15 at 2 pm**  
La Jolla/Riford Branch Library  
7555 Draper Avenue, (858) 552-1657

## For Parents and Children -----

### Baby and Me Yoga



The Rancho Peñasquitos Library is pleased to present "Baby and Me" Yoga classes by Yoga Vista Studio. These yoga classes are every other Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Dates in March are March 4 and 18. Yoga Vista has been servicing Vista and surrounding North County communities for over four years. Co-owners, Danielle Osicki and Sherry Zak Morris, share the passion of reaching out and making yoga accessible to everyone. Babies should be 4 weeks to crawling, and please bring a blanket for your baby. All programs are free. Please pre-register for individual classes.

**March 4 and 18 at 10:30 a.m.**  
Rancho Peñasquitos Branch Library  
13330 Salmon River Road, (858) 538-8159

## For Parents and Children -----

### "Word Pictures" with Storyteller Mark Lewis



Emmy Award-Winning professional storyteller Mark Lewis brings his "Word Pictures" to the La Jolla Library in a storytelling concert for the whole family. Mark mixes music and stories to entertain and inspire audiences of all ages and will instruct you in the hands-on secrets of being a great storyteller.

Come see why people say,

"Seeing Mark Lewis tell stories is like seeing fireflies for the first time." Mark is a master of "Old Wave Special Effects." His almost 40 years of professional experience have won him two Emmy awards for his show "Word Pictures" from WTTW in Chicago and guest spots on "The Tonight Show" with Jay Leno. Mark is currently on the faculty of La Jolla Country Day School as the school's Storyteller and Artist in Residence. Mark Lewis believes in the Imagination!

**Saturday, March 22 at 2 p.m.**  
La Jolla/Riford Branch Library  
7555 Draper Avenue, (858) 552-1657

### Tales to Tails

The Rancho Penasquitos Library will host a free interactive animal program with the San Diego Humane Society's Pet-Assisted Therapy Program on Thursday, March 27 at 3 pm. This monthly program helps children improve their reading skills by reading to animals in a fun and relaxing environment. The animals will include guinea pigs, rabbits, rats, and a certified therapy dog. This program is appropriate for grades 1-6, and no sign-up is required.



**Thursday, March 27 at 3 pm.**  
Rancho Penasquitos Branch Library  
13330 Salmon River Road, (858) 538-8159